IN THE ABSTRACT:

*Please amend the Abstract as follows:*

--This invention concerns a method and system for monitoring an automated dialog system for the automatic recognition of language understanding errors based on a user's input communications. The method ~~may~~ includes determining whether a probability of understanding the user's input communication exceeds a first threshold, where ~~The method may further operate such that~~ if the first threshold is exceeded, further dialog is conducted with the user. Otherwise, the user may be directed to a human for assistance. In another possible embodiment, the method operates as above except that if the probability also exceeds a second threshold, the second threshold being higher than the first, then further dialog is conducted with the user using the current dialog strategy. However, if the probability falls between a first threshold and a second threshold, the dialog strategy may be adapted in order to improve the chances of conducting a successful dialog with the user. ~~This process may be cumulative. In particular, the first dialog exchange may be stored in a database. Then, a second dialog exchange is conducted with the user. As a result, a second determination is made as to whether the user's input communication can be understood can be conducted based on the stored first exchange and the current second exchange. This cumulative process may continue using a third and fourth exchange, if necessary.~~